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"LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT"

Sidney Businessmen Propose Plan For Maintenance Of Beacon Avenue

J. C. "Jock" Anderson, of the firm of Mitchell & Anderson Lumber Co., Ltd., was welcomed back to civil life at the regular meeting of the Sidney Businessmen's Association on Thursday. Mr. Anderson recently obtained his discharge from the Canadian Navy.

It was J. C. Anderson who proposed that something be done by local businessmen in an effort to maintain the main street of Sidney, Beacon Avenue. The idea was speedily adopted and a committee of G. A. Cochran and D. A. Smith were appointed to investigate the possibility of assessing businessmen a certain fixed sum each month to cover the cost of a man.

The fixed sum will also incorporate the costs of street lighting. It was felt that spread over as large a district as possible, the sum need not be large. It was further explained that all business would benefit from a clean and tidy Beacon Avenue, even if the premises asked to contribute were not actually situate on Beacon Avenue.

Mr. Anderson, in speaking for the project said that if the businessmen of the community did something themselves such action would have the effect of encouraging the government to do their share in maintaining the streets.

All present voted in favor of the measure, and the committee appointed will canvass merchants to obtain their donation and approval of the scheme.

THE DUMP

The Sidney Dump again came in for some debate. "It seems to me," said F. C. E. Ford, president of the group, "that this is becoming an old chestnut." The subject was opened by H. H. Shade who objected in no uncertain fashion, to the present location of the dumping ground.

After some discussion the matter was brought to a head when the president stated that unless some definite and constructive idea in the form of a new location for the dump was brought forward discussion would cease.

The only new suggestion had been that refuse be carted to Victoria and there burnt in the city incinerators. This was found to be too expensive. A search will be made for a suitable dumping ground in the central part of the Peninsula. If such a site was available, garbage pick-up service would be greatly facilitated for the people of North Saanich, making a shorter run for the operator of the service, it was estimated.

PARKING REPORT COMING

Progress and action was reported by the committee on parking. In an effort to end all argument as to the proper method, suggestions to authorities, Provincial Police were appealed to for an overall ruling on the situation. Sgt. J. G. M. Locke, a traffic expert, visited Sidney recently and interviewed many interested businessmen and residents. His report will be available shortly, it was stated.

A letter from the North Saanich War Memorial Park Society told of that body's decision to erect a War Memorial Hall. D. Holden, G. A. Cochran and G. Gray were appointed to attend a meeting called by the Parks Board at which all organizations will be asked to attend.

STREET LIGHTING

A report brought in by G. A. Cochran gave estimated costs of additions to the existing street lights. A time switch and clock, which would turn the lights on and off at a certain fixed hour will cost \$35. Four new lights, at intersections north of Beacon Ave., on Third, Fourth and Fifth Streets, plus installation charges and the electric time switch would cost approximately \$261.

While no funds were available at present for the extension, it was felt that such information was of value in that approximate costs could be quoted if private citizens expressed a desire for lighting on their particular residential block.

Students and Staff Buy Radio For School

The students and staff of the Sidney school have purchased a radio for the school. This fine piece of equipment will give the school improved reception of the school broadcasts as well as improve the methods of presenting the music appreciation.

The purchase has been financed by the staff and students from a portion of the funds raised at last year's Penny Fair and from a Shamrock Tea held at the school.

RIGS CLAMP FOR HAND

Fire Chief Breaks Hand; Uses Head Keeps On Job

Things looked grim for Fire Chief Arthur Gardner on Wednesday. Commencing to start a small stationary engine, the machine backfired and threw his right hand against a wall with force. A small bone in the wrist was fractured, necessitating a cast for the injured member for two months.

This week the jovial Fire Chief is still carrying on at work in his machine shop, he has evolved a simple clamp with a tightening screw which is clamped on the right arm. With this device the ingenious fire-quencher can carry on with all manner of useful work, including electric welding.

Legion Seek Cemetery For North Saanich

The monthly meeting of the Saanich Peninsula branch of the Canadian Legion was held at the Orange Hall, Saanichton, on Monday, March 11 at 8 p.m. with J. J. Woods in the chair. Approximately 60 members were present.

The resolutions re reduction of T.C.A. fares from Patricia Bay to Vancouver and re Old Age Pensions and Veterans' Allowances have been forwarded to the Provincial Command and will be presented at the coming Provincial convention.

C. Rader was appointed delegate to attend a meeting to be convened by the Sidney Parks Board re erection of a Community Hall.

The following ex-servicemen were initiated as new members: E. Priestley and R. V. Clark, Brentwood; C. W. Burrows, Sidney, and K. W. Bompas, J. A. L. Wood, H. Mundell, Saanichton. The aims and objects of the Canadian Legion as laid down in the constitution were read by B. Baal.

The tentative program of the coming Provincial convention was presented by Secretary W. Douglas. It sounded business-like and should bring results. L. Ricketts has been appointed a member of the Pensions and Treatments committee at the coming convention. The local delegates for the convention are Barry Hall, L. (Continued on Page Five)

WILL DISTRIBUTE RATION BOOK 6 IN LATE SUMMER

Another ration book is on the way, according to O. H. Bell, regional superintendent of rationing. Again, the 600 local ration boards across Canada are beginning preparations for the distribution of ration book No. 6 some time late in the summer.

In British Columbia, there are 50 local ration boards, all composed of volunteer workers who accept these duties as their contribution to Canada's war effort on the home front, and are now serving through the difficult period of reconversion.

"The work of the ration boards has been of the greatest value, and will continue to be so during the present critical food shortages throughout the world," says Mr. Bell.

"These ration boards are necessary to maintain proper distribution and control of rationing in Canada. Not only are they available for emergency purposes, but they take care of the visitors in each local community; the farmer problem with transient labor; prospectors and trappers going into the hills, the individual who has lost his ration book, the new-born baby who requires a ration book, the returning soldier who now is taken care of immediately he arrives in his own home town and the efficient distribution of ration books. In addition, they are general centres of information.

"Once again, during the coming summer, they will distribute the No. 6 ration book, in order that Canadians may do with a little less to provide the minimum required for those countries brought to almost a destitute stage through the ravages of war. Announcement of the distribution dates will be made by local boards located in 600 centres in Canada."

Ration books in this area is in the charge of Mr. Ralph, of Saanich.

Kyack From Midway Arrives In Sidney

"Buntins" cherubic name for an all-wood unsinkable kyack-type boat, has arrived in Sidney. It is the property of W. W. Gardner and was sent here by an uncle, Lloyd Ablee, for the use of Mr. Gardner's children.

The vessel attracted great interest in that the crate in which it was shipped was plainly marked "Glass Boat," much to the interest of freight handlers and movers. Actually the only glass part of the craft is in a porthole in the bottom of the boat.

"Buntins" was built at Midway by Mr. Ablee, soundly constructed, airtanks fore and aft and watertight bulkheads make the craft virtually unsinkable. It will be launched this summer.

Community Memorial Hall Meeting At Sidney School

Representatives from all organizations in North Saanich have been asked to attend a meeting called by the North Saanich War Memorial Parks Board on Friday, March 15, at the Sidney school.

Plans will be discussed for the building of a memorial hall suitable for all purposes for the people of the North Saanich Peninsula.

Local Cadets Complete 2nd Targets In Shoot

Cadets of the North Saanich High school have just completed and sent in their second targets in the Dominion Cadet Rifle competition. Scores for the team were:

Alan Bosher 86, Ronald Cooper 68, James Dignan 72, David Limes 82, Donald Mills 59, Hugh Roberts 73, Robert Steel 41, William Walton 69.

TO MANAGE GANGES INN

Lieut. H. McGill is on leave with his wife and daughter in Sidney prior to receiving his discharge from the Army. He has been stationed in Labrador for the past year. Lieut. McGill joined the Army at the beginning of the war as a private and went up through the ranks, later receiving his commission. He is well known here, having been connected with the Sidney Bakery with Mr. and Mrs. Rankin for a number of years and later removing to Courtenay. He is also known on Salt Spring Island where he ran a bakery business prior to enlisting. He will return to Salt Spring Island where he will manage the Ganges Inn.

NORTH SAANICH P.T.A. TO BUY HOT LUNCH EQUIPMENT

The regular monthly meeting of the North Saanich Parent-Teacher Association was held on Monday evening, March 4, at the High school. Owing to the absence of the president, W. J. Dignan, the vice-president, Mrs. Owen Thomas took the chair. The minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. B. Christian, and correspondence dealt with.

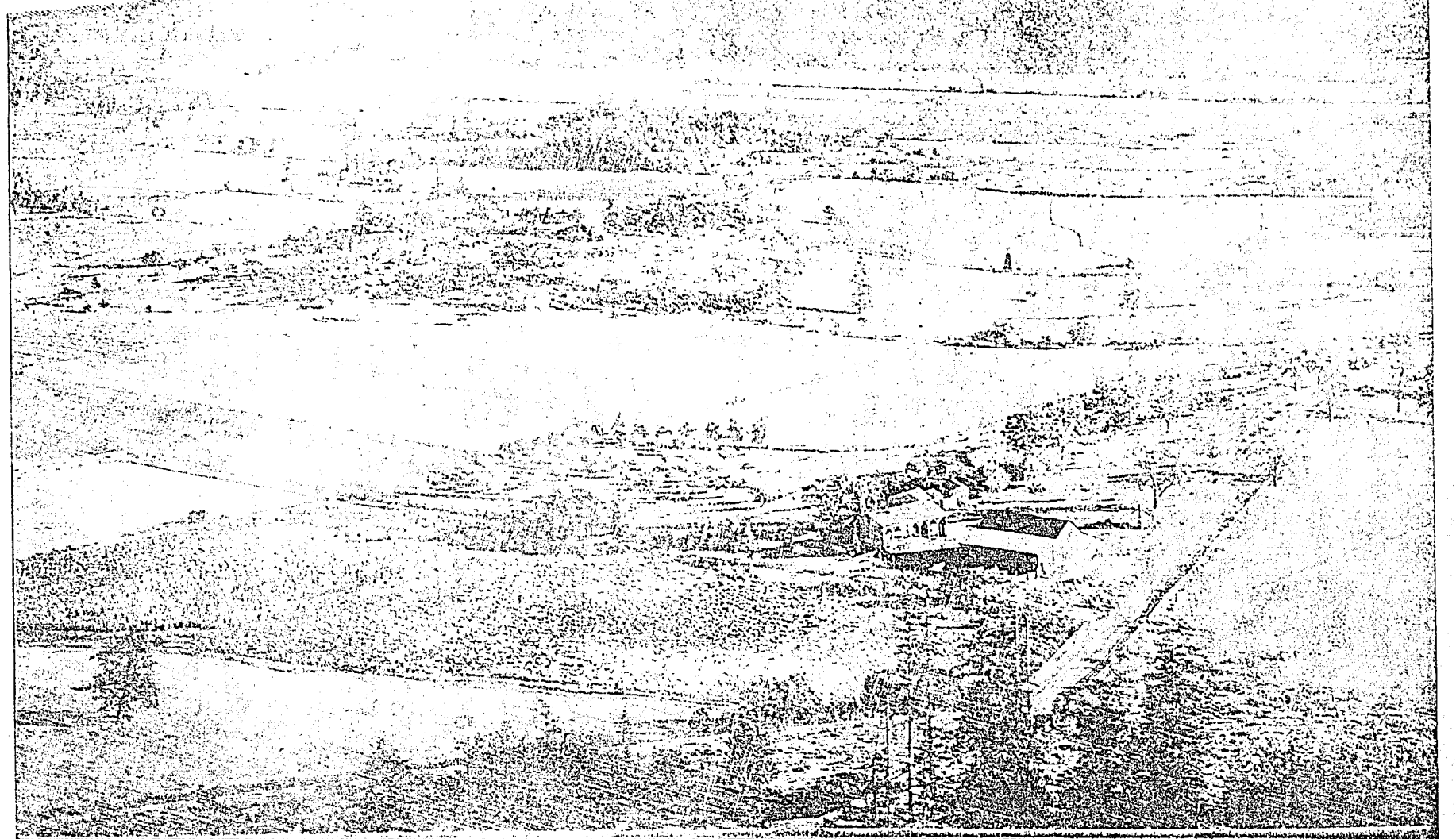
The P.T.A. were unanimous in their decision to support a resolution from the Synetic Presbytery Society of B.C.

It was decided to send a representative to the War Memorial Park Society meeting on Friday.

Mrs. Aylard was appointed to complete the purchase of hot lunch equipment for the schools at an early date.

It was decided by the meeting to temporarily suspend the "Teen Canteen" activities owing to the small attendance of young people.

Mrs. J. John, convener of the November bazaar, spoke of the preliminary plans made up to



This magnificent view of a portion of the Saanich Peninsula gives an excellent indication of the rich fertile land of the area. The rolling farm lands have long been admired by visitors from all over the world. It is particularly a pleasant drive after an aeroplane flight from

Eastern Canada or the Prairies. Hundreds of visitors, now landing at the Victoria terminus at Patricia Bay-Sidney Airport, have remarked on the beauty of the scene as they speed to the metropolis from the 'port.

Agricultural Society To Purchase Additional Needed Acreage For Fall Exhibition - Fair

Appointment of committees for the 78th Annual Fall Fair by the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society was commenced at a meeting of the directors last week. The sections for livestock were revised and several new classes were included. Special attention was drawn to the Holstein cattle classes, a considerable increase in the number of entries is expected this year.

In order to cope with the increasing demand for space for the Fair it was decided to purchase approximately five acres. Details will be left to the finance committee.

At the request of the Director of the Agricultural Development and Extension committee, the names of Willard W. Michell, Harold Brooks and Frank Butler were submitted, one of whom will act on the local advisory committee for the lower end of Vancouver Island. President George T. Michell and George W. Malcolm will act as delegates to the B.C. Fairs Association, the annual meeting of which will be held on March 22, in Vancouver.

G. M. Malcolm told the directors that the Saanich Purebred Cattle Club planned to hold a Parish Show on May 24 on the grounds of the Society.

Much business to do with the Fair was discussed. Parking, and general cleaning of grounds and roadside approaches were gone into.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Dobson, recently returned to Victoria from England, are residing at the home of Mrs. Dobson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graham, Brighton Avenue. Mr. Dobson was a P.C.I. in the R.A.F. and spent some time with that force at Patricia Bay Station. The couple will make their home in Canada.

DOES IT AGAIN!

Second Three-Yolk Egg for Vesuvius Hen

Gertrude, the generous hen, owned by R. T. Britton at Vesuvius Bay has done it again. A second three-yolk egg was delivered to the delight of Mrs. Dovey, of Vesuvius Bay. The White Leghorn hen, only two years old, is now being watched for the "hat trick."

Mr. Britton, owner of the famous hen, has not noticed anything unusual about the bird previously, is, however, a rare occurrence for a three-yolk egg and poultrymen on Salt Spring Island are trying to ascertain the reason for the phenomena.

LOCAL BOYS TO STAGE BOXING DISPLAY HERE

The first public exhibition by members of the Sidney Boys' Club will be held next Wednesday at the High school when local lads will take on St. Louis College at boxing.

Six three-round bouts have been planned and other attractions are on the bill. The lads have been training for some months for the affair, and keen interest is shown in preliminary workouts in the fistic art.

Sidney Women Observe World's Day of Prayer

Women of Sidney churches attended a World's Day of Prayer service on Friday, March 8, which was held in St. Paul's United Church.

This service was arranged by the Inter-Church Committee of Women's Missionary Societies of Canada.

Mrs. F. W. Hardy presided as leader and parts in the service were taken by Mrs. Greal for St. Andrew's Anglican, Mrs. Moray for Gospel Hall, Mrs. Delgatty for Glad Tidings, and Mrs. Wilkerton for St. Paul's United Church. Mrs. Hammond, of Victoria, gave a short address and Mrs. C. G. Cochran affiliated at the organ.

A collection was taken in aid of the committee for supplying Christian literature to other lands.

THE WEATHER

The following is the meteorological record for week ending March 10, furnished by Dominion Experimental Station:

Maximum temperature	53
Minimum temperature	36
Minimum on the grass	33
Rainfall (inches)	0.30
Sunshine (hours)	29.1

Sidney Wharf Contract Goes To Victoria Firm

Successful tender for the contract to repair the Sidney wharf was submitted by the James McDonald Construction Company, Limited, of Victoria.

Local inspector for the work will be H. A. McKillean. No date has yet been set for commencement of the work, but it is expected that as soon as the weather permits the necessary equipment will be placed for the job.

Other work to be done this summer by the Federal Government Department of Public Works includes a new cedar log float 20 by 20 feet with a gangway 4 by 32 feet at Cowichan Bay, also a new cedar log float 15 by 40 feet at Chemainus. Both these floats are connected with the government wharves at these points.

I.O.D.E. Enroll Members Send \$50. To Solarium

Members of the I.O.D.E., Chapter, L.O.D.E., Sidney, welcomed four new members to their group on Tuesday, when Mrs. G. Sluggett, Miss Doreen Mitchell, Miss Shirley Kerr and Mrs. Brian Forster were accepted as members.

The meeting was held in the home of Miss Dorothy Hall, Experimental Farm, the regent, Mrs. Harvey Currie, presided.

A cheque in the amount of \$50 was sent to the Queen Alexander Solarium for Crippled Children, the result of a dance held last month.

Letters of thanks were written to advertisers who assisted in publicising the event.

Training School For Farm Workers Mooted By Committee

"What we want is to get the farm youths to some place where they can get scientific and practical instruction, with the notion of going back to the farm after their training." This was the thought expressed at a meeting of the advisory committee of the Farmers' Institutes of B.C. at a hearing before the Legislature's select standing committee this week.

Sidney Pickles, Saanichton, agreed that such a school might best be administered through the Department of Education rather than the Department of Agriculture.

Land clearing costs were scored by the group as being too high

High School Sewing Receives Praise

Miss Orr, representing the Department of Education, visited the North Saanich High school last Wednesday to inspect and mark the work of the Grade 11 class in this, their last term of sewing. Miss Orr expressed herself as being very pleased with the calibre of work being done and graded the dresses of the ten girls in the group with scores between 82 and 87.

After examining the skirts being made by the Grade 10 class Miss Orr gave the girls many useful pointers on color, especially as it applied to embroidered runners they had just completed.

New Water Meters Arrive For System

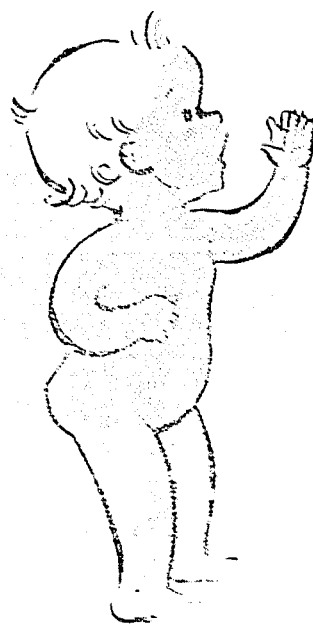
The new water meters, 125 of them, arrived this week and will be installed as soon as circumstances permit. Cost of the 125 meters will be approximately \$1,900.

The Sidney Water Board will commence the laying of the replacement of the main which runs from Fifth Street down Beacon Avenue to the sea. As soon as weather conditions permit this work will be commenced, it was stated this week.

Several requests for extensions to the system have been received by the Board. These will be dealt with individually, and when possible such extensions will be made. The Board has stated, however, that the existing system must first be consolidated before major extensions can be contemplated.

A. H. Peppar, loco, stated that while the government rate for a heavy tractor on land clearing was to be \$9 an hour, or \$72 per day, his organization had estimated the cost of operating the tractors at \$43 a day, including \$21 a day for depreciation, transportation and similar costs.

Mr. Peckles claimed that in many cases tenants on farm lands were "mining" the land. He introduced a resolution on land tenure asking that tenure on agricultural land be made subject to 12 months notice on either side.



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ST. ANDREW'S GUILD RECEIVE CUPS IN SHOWER

Last Tuesday the Guild of St. Andrew's Anglican church held a most successful cup and saucer shower in the Church Hall. The ladies were delighted to receive 74 cups and saucers which will be kept for use in the hall. Tea was served, and an enjoyable social hour spent.

Strawberry Weevil Likes Lots of Snow

In the fruit insect investigation work of the Division of Entomology, Dominion Department of Agriculture, a study of the strawberry weevil in New Brunswick has shown that the insect does not leave the plantation in any numbers during the summer. It hibernates within the plantation and begins to cut buds as soon as they develop in the spring. Studies indicate that snow coverage plays an important part in the hibernation. Little snow coverage results in severe winter injury and in a great decrease in weevil infestation. On the other hand, heavy snow coverage during the winter months results in heavy weevil damage in the following spring, provided there were weevils present in the plantation in the previous year.

Story On Famous Best Seller At The Rex, Sidney

Betty Smith's sensational best-selling book, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," comes to the screen at The Rex in Sidney this week-end.

On Tuesday and Wednesday next the famous clowns, Olsen and Johnson, descend on the local playhouse. Descends is the word. Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson, stars of the film, are portrayed as owners of the most unique night club in the world, where anything can happen, and certainly does.

A second feature brings Gloria Jean and Patric Knowles in "Pardon My Rhythm."

EXTERIOR PAINTS NOT GOOD INSIDE

When a white paint is needed for use inside a house, it is poor economy to try to make an exterior paint do the job. The exterior paint usually is specially prepared to bleach under the rays of the sun and thus remain white outdoors; when used inside the building it will tend to turn yellow. In similar fashion, attempts to "spin out" a white paint by adding extra linseed oil also will turn it yellow in time.

On the other hand, no interior paint can be expected to stand up well on an exterior job as its composition is quite radically different, and it will break down under weathering conditions. To make best use of the care and skill which goes into the manufacture of good paint, be sure to get the type of paint fitted for the job you wish to do.

POLITICAL QUIZ

1. How is the number of members each Province sends to the House of Commons determined?
 2. Who said "A British subject I was born, a British subject I will die?"
 3. When will the next session of Parliament open?
 4. How many members of House of Commons make up the Official Opposition under the leadership of John Bracken?
 5. Why can Prince Edward Island never have less than four members in the House of Commons?
 6. Where is the next meeting of members in all provincial legislatures?
 7. On what day of the week does the Official Opposition sit?
 8. How many ministers are there in the present Dominion cabinet?
 9. When did Ottawa become the Capital of Canada?
- (Answers on Page Three)

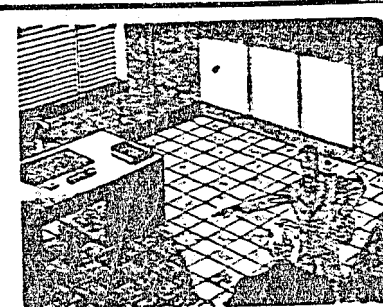
Here's Greg



No Pink Elephants For Real Elephants

Contrary to general belief, animals are usually color-blind, says American Paint Journal, so in most cases a bull would react just as violently to a white cape as to a red one—both corridors and bull-fighting practice to the contrary notwithstanding.

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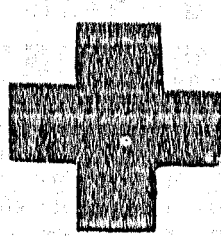
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The response has been most satisfactory. The B.C. Electric, through its Industrial Development Division, has supplied specific information to many enquirers interested in a great diversity of industrial activities.

We feel that our work of promoting new industries for this province is well begun, but it needs the continuous and conscientious support of all our citizens. It is up to us all, when communicating with friends in the East, or in any part of the world for that matter, to remind them of the opportunities for industrial enterprise in British Columbia. We need these industries here, to maintain payrolls and our present high level of prosperity.

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SCOUTS AND CUBS

The regular monthly meeting of the group committee was held on Wednesday, March 6, with a full attendance of members and Scouters. Full discussion of plans for organization and leadership were held and the committee welcomed Miss E. M. Badger, who is taking the training course in Victoria and Mr. G. Noullette, who is taking a correspondence course with a view to identifying himself with the Sidney Scout Troop.

Groupers will attend Scout and Cub meetings for the time to study and familiarize themselves with conditions and to see at first hand the Scouters problems so that they may judge the best means by which they may be of assistance.

It was decided to hold a film show and bun feed in the High school auditorium for Scouts, Cubs and parents, and the date was set tentatively at Monday, April 29, if arrangements can be made.

There are several Cubs ready to move up to Scouts and it is hoped that an early "going up" ceremony can be arranged.

The Sidney "C" Pack met on Monday under Akela Mrs. Dalton. There were good games and

New British Blanket Lightest In World

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instruction carried out. The Pack was visited by Dr. Wm. Newton, the president of the group committee. Sixers Dalton and Fisher took the Grand Howl. Good hunting till next week!

Scouts met on Thursday under Scoutmaster John Gorton. Howard Bull, of the group committee, visited the Troop.

Tenderfoot work has been started and will proceed right from the very beginning. Five are taking the tests. More recruits are needed for the Tenderfoot class.

The Sidney Cub Pack, under the leadership of Mr. Anderson, met on Friday evening at 6.30. Field Commissioner Freeman King was present at the investiture of Pat Connor. Sam Skinner, a former Scout, has kindly consented to assist Mr. Anderson with the Pack for the next few weeks while new leaders are completing course in Victoria.

STANDARD OIL TO MAKE AND SELL ASPHALT IN B.C.

Bitumuls asphalt emulsions, formerly manufactured and marketed in British Columbia by Canadian Bitumuls Co., Ltd., Leaside, Ont., will be handled in future by Standard Oil Company of British Columbia Limited.



JOHN E. STEWART

This was the announcement made today by R. D. Baker, Standard's president and managing-director.

John E. Stewart, who has been West coast manager of Canadian Bitumuls Company for the past eight years, will be in charge of Standard's asphalt and bitumuls division.

All bitumuls asphalt emulsions will be manufactured in British Columbia at the Stanovan refinery.

Women's Rec Club Plan Games Night

The general meeting of the North Saanich Women's Recreational Club was held Wednesday, March 6, in the K.P. Hall, Sidney, with the president, Joan Thomas, in the chair.

Final arrangements were completed for the court whist and games evening to be held Friday, March 15.

Four new members were accepted into the club.

Plans were made for a scavenger hunt for club members, following the general meeting on Wednesday, May 1.

It was decided that a members' bike outing be arranged. Details will be attended to at a later date and Duncan is the objective.

In response to a letter received from the North Saanich War Memorial Park Society Mrs. Phyllis Levar was chosen to represent the Club at the meeting.

The secretary was instructed to send a letter of thanks to the K.P. Lodge for the use of the hall.

QUIZ ANSWERS

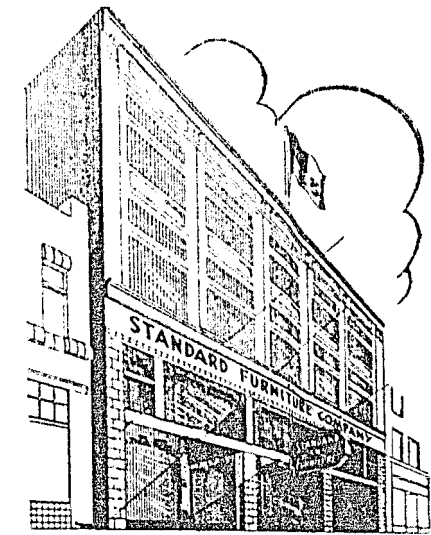
1. The B.N.A. Act provides that Quebec shall have a fixed number of 65 members and that there shall be assigned to each of the provinces such a number of members as will bear the same relation to the number of its population as the number 65 bears to the number of the population of Quebec.
2. Sir John A. Macdonald.
3. March 14, 1946.
4. 67.
5. An amendment to the B.N.A. Act states that no province shall have a less number of members of the House of Commons than it has Senators. P.E.I. has four Senators.
6. 510.
7. On the Speaker's left hand side.
8. 20.
9. In 1867.



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CHEESE DISHES

With the family's favorite recipes for "Supper Dishes" in the file, the homemaker has no difficulty in planning her luncheon or supper menus. These dishes may utilize left-over meats or their basis may be such ideal meat substitutes as milk, eggs and cheese, which are so suitable for Lenten menus.

The home economists of the Consumer Section, Dominion Department of Agriculture say there is a great variety of ways in which milk, eggs and cheese may be combined. They may be used in sauces, croquettes, omelets, souffles, escallops and other supper dishes. The color, flavor and texture of cheese give an "up-lift" to any meal, which is welcome at this time of the year. When mixed with bland foods, it provides that appeal, which they otherwise lack.

Cheese is also an economical food in concentrated form, with every crumb edible. For cooking purposes select according to flavor and consistency. A hard cheese is preferable for grating, while softness is a desirable quality for melting or cutting. Hardened

and thoroughly dried pieces may be grated, bottled and kept in a cool place ready for use.

Cheese and eggs both require low heat for cooking. High temperatures give a tough product. When these two foods are combined and cooked in the oven, best results are obtained by "oven-poaching." This means setting the mixture to be cooked in a pan of hot water.

CABBAGE, TOMATO AND CHEESE DISH

- 3 cups finely shredded cabbage
- 1 1/2 cups canned tomatoes
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 2 strips bacon, chopped finely (optional)

Cook shredded cabbage for 5 minutes in boiling, salted water and drain well. Heat tomatoes and add salt, paprika and sugar. Grease a baking dish and place alternate layers of tomatoes and cabbage, beginning with tomatoes. Sprinkle each layer with grated cheese and bread crumbs. Sprinkle chopped bacon over top. Bake in a moderate oven, 350°F., for about half an hour or until crumbs are brown. Six servings.

LUNCHEON CASSEROLE

- 1 1/4 cups dried lima or navy beans
- 4 cups boiling water
- 1 small onion, sliced
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 2 1/2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 2 tablespoons catsup or chili sauce
- 2 hard cooked eggs
- 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs

Soak beans overnight in water to cover. Drain. Add boiling water and onion. Cover and cook over low heat until tender and very little liquid remains. Add salt and pepper. Heat 1 cup milk in top of double boiler. Blend flour with remaining 1/4 cup cold milk, and add to heated milk. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Add 1/2 cup grated cheese and stir until melted. Add the catsup or chili sauce, season with salt and pepper and add the cooked beans. Pour half this mixture into a greased baking dish, cover with sliced eggs and add remaining bean mixture. Sprinkle top with bread crumbs which have been mixed with the remaining 1/2 cup of cheese. Bake in a moderate oven, 350°F., for 20 minutes or until the cheese is melted and mixture is heated. Six servings.

MACARONI AND SAUSAGE CASSEROLE

- 2 1/2 cups macaroni, 1-inch pieces
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 6 large, pan-fried sausages, cut in pieces

Cook and drain macaroni. Beat eggs until light, add milk and salt. Add this mixture to the macaroni and blend in cheese, reserving a little for topping. Place half of the macaroni mixture in a well-greased baking dish. Cover with sausages and top with the rest of the macaroni mixture. Sprinkle top with remaining cheese. Place in a pan of hot water and oven-poach in a moderate oven, 350°F. until set, about 1 hour. Six servings.

Note.—Diced bologna or wieners may be substituted for the sausage.

GOOD TO EAT

The common weed plant, the dandelion, is also a tasty and health addition to our means of wild plants that are quite edible. The basal leaves of the dandelion, blanched in early spring make a tasty salad. If picked green they should be boiled in several changes of water to remove bitterness, then prepare as for spinach. The roots, dried and ground, make an excellent coffee substitute.



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IN view of the unprecedented world need for foods of every kind, the following information about British Columbia's egg production will be of interest.

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WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Poultry officials expect that due to the firm export contracts for 1946 and 1947, there will be outlets for all eggs produced.

Prices for 1946 production have been set at 39c for top grade fresh eggs at seaboard. 1947 prices have not been set and will be governed by competition from other countries.

In view of this general situation, consideration might well be directed by present producers to the maintenance of present flocks, careful management and continued high quality of the product.

Prospective flock owners are strongly urged to discuss the situation with department production officials before embarking upon any programme in order that they may have a complete picture of present conditions and likely future trends.

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... The Editorials ...

THE CAMERON REPORT

A study of the report presented by Maxwell A. Cameron on Educational Finance warrants the interest of every resident of British Columbia. It is of especial interest to rural areas in that the avowed purpose of the report is to equalize taxation for school purposes in these areas. The fact that the Cameron Report will be dealt with by the Legislature now sitting and that large changes may be made in the immediate future which will effect the school tax of all residents makes the report worthy of study.

Several important recommendations are made. The abolition of the personal property tax is recommended, with the rider that some property remain taxable under a more comprehensive definition.

A property tax, throughout the province, of 5 mills on land and 75 per cent of improvements, is recommended.

There are now 321 School Boards administering school districts throughout the province, the report suggests that this number be cut down to 74.

All in all, the Report is extremely interesting and represents much research and brilliant thought.

It cannot be assumed, however, that it will meet with the approval of all. There are certain specified districts which are extremely difficult to administer, and one of these is that of Salt Spring. The new school district will embrace all the nearby Islands in the Gulf Islands Group. It is obvious that transportation enters largely into such administration. No change is advised by the Cameron report in the transportation grant, which is at present 50 per cent of expenditure on this service. Again, the construction of buildings for school purposes may have been necessarily curtailed in outlying islands for many years, the building of these schools may prove an arduous burden for residents of limited areas. It may well be that residents of Salt Spring may find that the general tax of 5 mills may not cover the cost for the necessary buildings and transportation. The district will be required to find the 50 per cent for such buildings and services. If, as recommended in the Report, each individual district makes its own estimate for necessary new buildings and transportation, it is easy to see that poorer districts might well be unable or unwilling to provide what is necessary.

Already it has been pointed out that the Cameron Report shows that heretofore the Provincial Government has paid 23 per cent of the total cost of education in the City School Districts and 51.4% in the Rural School Districts. With the government paying a proposed 55% in all cases, it is argued, rural districts will be seriously handicapped since they will only be relieved of 3.6% of the previous cost of education.

It may be that the Salt Spring District is an unusual case. The report states that in the case of Salt Spring, a unit of large area, small population and poor means of transportation, the crucial question is not what should be the boundaries of the enlarged district, but whether the district should be formed at all.

The fact remains, however, that should the report be implemented in its present state, a severe handicap may be imposed upon the people of Salt Spring Island and the Islands which will make up its school district. Admittedly, the case is an isolated one, but we strongly maintain that the matter of the isolated case should be ironed out in all its details before the plan in general is accepted. If not, a serious penalty in increased taxation is apt to be the lot of a very few, in this case, our good neighbors on Salt Spring and the surrounding Islands.

A SCHOOL TAX FOR NON-PROPERTY OWNERS

OF interest to our local School Board and especially of interest to those who do not own property in the district is the passage covering Minimum Taxation in the Cameron Report.

It is a well-known fact, and one which has long been decried by local boards, that some residents are not reached by the school tax. It is not that those who are covered by such domiciles are not willing to pay the tax, indeed, the direct opposite is the case, it is simply that provision has not been made for the collection of such taxes.

According to the Report, however, the imposition of local taxes is entirely a matter of local option, a minimum school-tax of \$7.50 is possible under present legislation and the report will recommend removing the limit of \$7.50 provided for in section 122 (1) of the "Public Schools Act."

Of course, non-property-owners do tend to pay property taxes in rent. This is admitted, but in the words of the Cameron Report:

"... the process of shifting which has this result is not as certain in rural areas, where the minimum taxes are likely to be imposed, as in urban areas. Moreover, there are some persons, often parents, who live on property not reached by taxes. House-boats, fishing-boats, and Government Experimental Farms are examples. For these reasons and for the reason that the imposition of minimum taxes is a matter of local option, these sections of the Act are recommended to the attention of local bodies."

This Week at the PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Special to The Review.

For a rousing finale of the throne speech debate which lasted 11 days in the B.C. Legislature and in which 34 of the 47 members took part, Premier John Hart last week chose Works Minister Herbert Ansecomb, billing him to "give" on the greatest road building and reconstruction program in the history of British Columbia.

That the performance of Mr. Ansecomb would be brilliant had been assumed by most legislators who had heard him previously. The advance publicity had been good, roads had been the hottest topic in the debate and Mr. Ansecomb was recognized as one of the ablest speakers of the province.

vincial cabinet.

The greatest road building program in the history of British Columbia, however, was blown up to a size which had not been expected—\$22,850,000 worth of maintenance and new construction. Actually the program was only about \$10,000,000 for included in the \$22,850,000 total were the Peace River road construction, for which contracts totaling \$6,000,000 had been let last summer, and \$5,000,000 for the Hope-Princeton Road, for which contracts were let last fall. Both these projects are now under construction.

The government this year is planning to spend \$5,000,000 on

THANKS!

Members of H.M.S. Endeavour Chapter, I.O.D.E., take this opportunity to thank local merchants for their kind co-operation in advertising for the Valentine Dance held last month.

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CANOE COVE LOG

By BARNACLE

We have a handsome visitor at Canoe Cove this week, M.V. "Pleasant," a 65-footer from Vancouver, owned by Mr. Philip Brock who is aboard with friends. It is not exactly cruising weather, however, Mr. and Mrs. George Sparling have left for a few days holiday in their boat "Sealove."

"Avrad," the Department of Transport boat, from Sidney Island, has been hauled this week for repairs, and Roly Halls' "Robert" is up for repairs and painting.

Mr. Paul Pertulla is back with us again with "Early Spring." He is hoping to get hauled next week.

There were many people out on Sunday. Mr. Ben Davis, who is the new owner of "Josephine" and not Mr. Baker as we said last week, was out with Mr. Skillings. Mr. Burt Smith and family took "Hyacinth" out. Dr. Westwood was out with his son and Mr. Fowler was trying his new engine.

The P.B.S. have started thinking about the season's activities with a dinner meeting at the Douglas Hotel last Thursday. The chief subject up for discussion was the forthcoming race from Canoe Cove to Deer Harbour, Orcas Island.

Everyone is hoping for big things from the P.B.S. this year with no gas restrictions to hamper them.

MANURE AS FUEL

One of the drawbacks in farming in India is that the village farmers do not put cattle manure on the land but use it for fuel for cooking their food. A scheme has been suggested for the establishment of woodlots which would supply local needs, but at present the villagers cannot give up the practice of drying the manure and using it for fuel to cook their meals because as a rule wood-fuel in the villages is not available. It is suggested as soon as woodlots are established and wood cutting begins that cattle manure must be returned to the land for the benefit of crops.

maintenance, which is slightly more than last year, and \$5,000,000 on new construction for which the government will float a loan.

Mr. Ansecomb described the \$5,000,000 for capital development for reconstruction or rebuilding some parts of the province's existing highway system. He did not outline the projects which would be undertaken in this part of the program.

"In other words, it is going to be spent for the express purpose of bringing the roads up to a modern standard," said the minister. "Now it is true that is going to be done on existing highways, but it is new construction, something for which we propose to borrow the money to do it."

The comprehensive review of past road policy and future expectations of the minister indicated that a crack-down is in the making for operators of heavy trucking and bus equipment. Hoisted during the war, regulations restricting the axle weights of trucks and buses will be re-imposed because the roads were never built for such loads.

The address of Mr. Ansecomb which highlighted the last week of the throne speech debate was preceded by a speech by Herbert Garrahy, C.C.F., Mackenzie, who, by masterful tactics, attempted to steal some of the minister's thunder. Previously a Coalition member had perhaps unintentionally also taken some of the punch out of the minister's greatest road program in the history of the province when he charged that a dollar for roads just produced about half the result now as it did before the war.

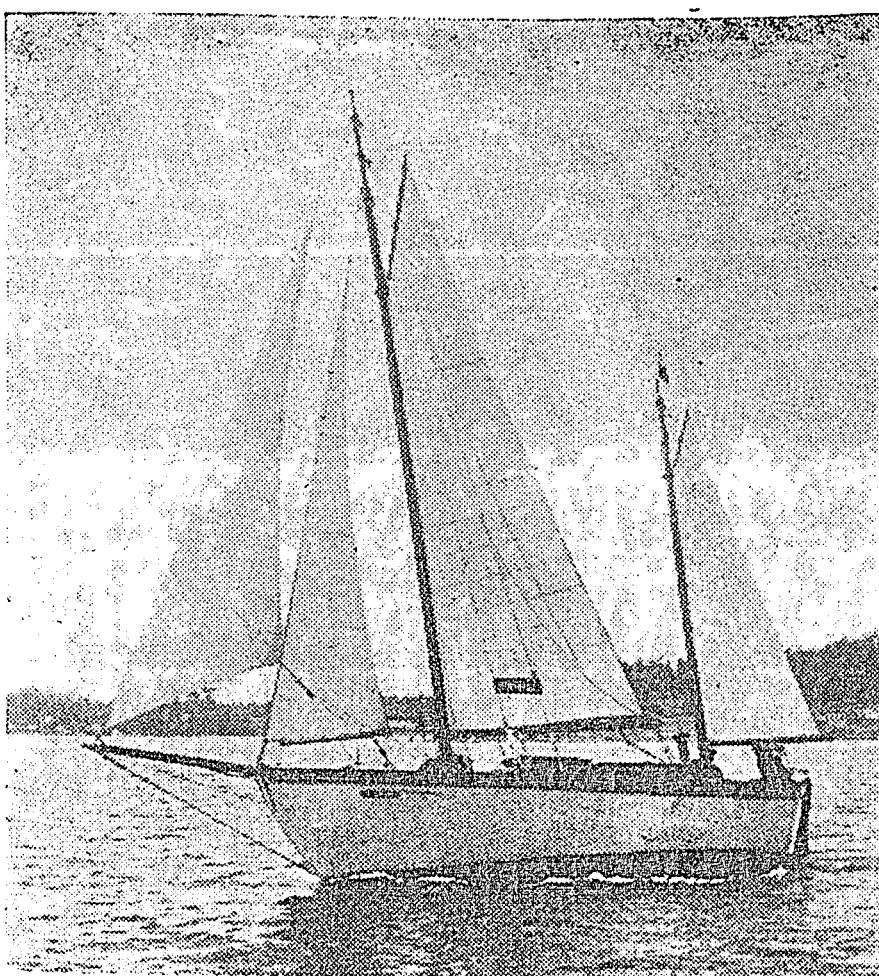
While Works Minister Ansecomb indicated he would favor spending even more than he was on the province's highways, another member during the debate suggested that the demand for expensive modern highways had reached a peak, and it was about time the province turned to building air strips and hangar facilities since air was the future trend of travel.

The liquor question was unopened in the Legislature last week by C. W. Morrow, Coalition, North Okanagan, who, while not advocating a drier or a wetter system, urged that the government bring the whole question out into the open. Mr. Morrow also advocated compulsory, or socialized automobile insurance.

The liquor question was followed up later in the week by a delegation of 60 clergymen who urged the government appoint a Royal Commissioner to probe liquor problems before taking any action.

While not so large in numbers, a delegation from the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, B.C. division, met the provincial cabinet earlier in the week on an equally difficult government problem—labor reform. In answer to the mass labor lobby's demands for labor legislation, industry's delegation suggested to the government that higher wage minimums and a 40-hour work week might spoil the province's export trade hopes.

"It (industry) is strongly of the opinion, however," the delegation told the cabinet, "that for any government in a pioneering, exporting country to use advancing minimum wage and lower maximum hours of work as an instrument of economic experimentation in the search for public prosperity is dangerous in the extreme. After primary safe-



Salt Spring Island

NOT AN ISLAND . . . A WAY OF LIFE!

BY OUR WANDERING REPORTER

Friends of Salt Spring Island will find great changes on the Pearl of the Gulf. There is great activity there . . . not the rushing, gushing Yippee . . . Yohooing of your gold rush, but the "Yes, my dear . . . such a nice man, too!" type of appreciation for the many businesses which have started there. Land and homesites are also in great demand.

The stranger will note that Mr. Alexander, of the Drug Store at Ganges, has discovered what is probably one of the most ideal sites for a drug store. Facing bang up the harbour one tends to feel that his site for the business might well prove to be Mr. Alexander's undoing; for a customer entering the store in need of a proprietary medicine need only turn and face the view and immediately "feel much better." It is that kind of view. We venture to say that nothing compares with this site, for beauty and tranquility, in the whole of British Columbia.

Another new business is the Variety Store . . . another choice location and serving a useful purpose. Len Sparks is now available for radio repairs . . . and soon electric equipment will be handled by this ex-air force officer.

Reg. Cousins and his son Donald have established a neat little bicycle repair shop next door to the Telephone office in Ganges. There is even a sign painter . . . indeed Scot Clarke is an artist at the past-board with poster colors.

The grand work of Mount Bros. continues. Rock walls, solid, sound and beautiful are gradually enclosing useful spaces. The petite peninsula, long the focal interest of Ganges, will, in the years to come retain its position of useful beauty due to the creation of these walls and other improvements by the foresight and progressiveness of the pioneer firm.

To name the many old-established business places would take too long . . . Mr. Wagg is forever busy at the Salt Spring Island Trading Co., Ltd. The Blacksmith is leaving . . . this is causing a pang to many of the older residents . . . they could always drop in to the Smithie and discuss anything from politics to ship movements. A modern garage will fill the site. M. R. and A. L. Young will operate the garage which will be called Salt Spring Motors . . . oh yes, blacksmithing will still be done at the famous site.

The same delightful roads lead to the same delightful places. Going to Long Harbour from Ganges one may hear the strains of a piano in syncope with a recording . . . the quack of Muscovy ducks undergoing mysterious cross breeding . . . sheep . . . cattle . . . and chickens . . . lots of chickens. And then Long Harbour, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Smith, charmingly hospitable, with plans of comfort and beauty for Sanctuary Inn.

Then back to Harbour House, stopping first for coffee at the Ganges Inn . . . and if you will at the Log Cabin or The White Elephant Cafe. Harbour House compels the most frigid guest to unbend. A friendly atmosphere of "I've known that chap for a long time" exists. One finds oneself opening doors for ladies and doing small things which are all so easily forgotten in other more forceful places.

Paddy Crofton, trifle stiff in newly-donned "civvies," making sure that his guests are at ease, but just basting to get back to the birthday party for Eric Springford. The click of billiard balls echoing the minor click of the knitting needles in the drawing room which for lo, these many years, has been the right and proper place for the ladies after dinner.

Ah yes, Ganges. It has its associations, and the traveller who has been away too long will find a change. But not a change to horrify . . . the way of life is perhaps more easy.

Gavin Mount, for instance, is just as busy as always, unofficial ambassador at large, his energy and interest may be seen in all phases of community life there. The hospital, the schools, name a single worth-while project which has not sought the experience and advice of this dynamo of creative energy. The sage advice of Gilbert Mount may still be obtained on the second floor of the old-established store. Friendly, kind, and always ready to assist visitor or stranger, Gilbert Mount has a deep and vast knowledge of Canada's political history. A fascinating subject when expounded with the clarity and thoughtfulness of Mr. Mount.

The buses are still in St. Marys Lake . . . lots of them. The anthills are still the pride and joy of the Parks Board in the Maxwell Lake region. The Salt Springs still bubble cheerfully towards the north end of the island, and hens still lay three-yoked eggs at Vesuvius Bay.

We must hover a moment at Vesuvius Bay. Douglas Wilson is already at work preparing his Marine Station. Boats will be for hire, gas and oil available, a word will have a chartered aeroplane at the floats for a 19-minute trip to Vancouver. The Lodge has changed hands, but will operate as usual this summer. Tantramar still causes the visitors to make small ohing noises of delight. Then, we notice, the Golf Course at Barnsbury is being prepared for another season. The fairways are in shape and thoughts of the Islanders invading the Sanich Peninsula are being muttered by enthusiasts of the sport.

We shall have to drive silently past Rainbow Beach, Byway House, and wave a goodbye to Mrs. Burkitt at the Lakeshore Camp at the lake in order to catch the ferry. Fulford Harbour and its district is also showing much active trading in land . . . we cannot pause, however, the straight and compelling figure of Capt. Maude beckons us aboard the "Cy Peck." We leave . . . to commence one of the loveliest ferry trips in all B.C., from Fulford to Swartz Bay.

En route we chat with the Skipper. There is much talk of the modern speedy, radio-controlled ferry, but one cannot but admire the stolid performance of the "Cy Peck," day in, day out, winter and summer, this faithful ferry has provided service for many years. Not with a fanfare of trumpets, and not in three fearful minutes is the trip made . . . but who would want to travel the distances from Fulford to Swartz Bay at 20 miles an hour? That leisurely 20-minute ride is one of the joys of a pleasant visit to Salt Spring Island.

guards have been provided by the government in this field, wages and hours of work should be freely negotiated between employees and employers as provided in existing labor legislation."

Although the government has formulated its policy on roads for this year, no announcement has been made of its policy on labor legislation and liquor. The legislature this week is in committee of supply studying the budget.

Gulf Island Musings

By J. A. McDONALD

WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?

One of the banes of modern life is words that have been given so wide a meaning that they no longer mean anything. Another is definitions that do not define.

During the war, from paper to paper, over the radio—and isn't it a contrast that an instrument that is the last word in scientific achievement, near relative to the atomic bomb, should so often be used for the propagation of imbecilities—democracy was defined as "a way of life." Imagine a person who did not know what democracy is—I can easily, as a newspaper writer I have listened to so many of them—trying to imagine from the definition what democracy is. Is it something in the life of cats? dogs, sheep? name everything that lives? If for man, is it slavery? here add a few hundred thousand other things.

But of course, I did not have to go through all this mental gymnastic because I knew immediately that democracy was farming. For Herbert Hoover defined Farming as "A way of Life," and didn't Euclid say that things which are equal to the same thing are equal to one another, therefore, the mathematical proof that Democracy Equals Farming. And knowing just what Hoover meant, I know that democracy, from this definition, means that the farmer should be darn glad he is alive, instead of thinking of the interest on his investment, the scientific knowledge he had to get to do his work, the long hours he must labor, and that the hired man has raised his wages to \$6,000 a year, years and years before he can fire him. Democracy also means he should not mention that raising spuds which was going well when it was left to God and the farmer, has taken over by legislatures, ended with "Yes, we have no potatoes." This quotation has been verified by my grocer and seed dealer.

Democracy, parliament and representative government have been so muddled up that there are many people who think they mean the same thing.

The word Democracy is derived from the Greek: "Demos," the people, the citizen. A bright young man in a class I taught once, said: "Now I understand demos the people, cracy." To discuss that later democracy means the rule of the people.

PLACE WHERE THEY TALK

Parliament is derived from the French. It means the place where they talk. This casts no reflection on parliament as talk is necessary to the meeting of mind with mind, to the conduct of business, to social intercourse, to human progress.

A parliament need not have any connection with the rule of the people. Hitler had a parliament; some of the worst and most dictatorial governments on earth have had parliaments. A parliament is never democracy. When it represents the rule of the people it becomes an instrument of democracy—there are hundreds of others. It is then a representative government. These representatives of democracy are themselves also by virtue of the fact that they are citizens, members of a democracy. To be absolutely accurate I know of only one exception to the rule laid down in the last sentence, of a foreigner sitting in a British parliament and it happened right here in B.C., and what he said: "I am willing to fight for my country, but my country is Russia!"

The way democracy operates is through majority rule; our parliaments operate on the same idea. So also does every democratic organization and there are thousands of them. Democracy is the people legislating for themselves.

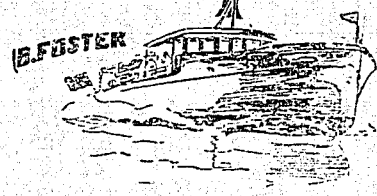
Every organization in the world operating on the basis of majority rule, in which people legislate directly is within its field a democratic organization. This includes our fraternal organizations, social, industrial, economic organizations, all that congregies of clubs, unions, church organizations, and every other where people legislate for themselves.

Most of these organizations have also their representative governments, their executive and other committees with or without power to act, doing certain things and reporting back. The organizations of the people legislating for themselves is democracy; representative government is delegates and committees functioning for them. It is as simple as that.

But democracy is much wider than even this as it has a great many representative instrumentalities besides parliament. There are our schools, and sometimes I wonder whether the playgrounds where the child learns the get-

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Legion Seek Cemetery For North Saanich

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A resolution requesting that
the Dominion government allow
ex-service civil servants the priv-
ilege of retiring after reaching
the age of 55 so as to encourage
the promotion and appointments
of young veterans was adopted
unanimously.

It was decided that the pre-war
custom of holding a ladies' eve-
ning be revived.

After some discussion it was
moved that a vote be taken at
the first fall meeting re advis-
ability of holding alternate meet-
ings at the Orange Hall and the
Mills Road Legion Hall.

The Saturday night dances at
the Legion Hall on Mills Road
had a good going over and the
general feeling expressed was
that these dances are being con-
ducted satisfactorily and are
filling a need in the district.

L. Ricketts was delegated to
investigate the faulty drainage
condition at the Mills Road Hall.
N. Grey reported for the Cem-
etery committee and it was later
suggested that a North Saanich
cemetery be established and that
local authorities be approached
re this matter.

The meeting adjourned at 10
p.m. Members of the Women's
Auxiliary who held their monthly
meeting in an adjoining room
joined their men folk in the
singing of the National Anthem.
During the refreshment period
that followed, the ladies and their
comrade husbands and neighbors
intermingled freely which augurs
well for this new innovation of
joint meetings.

BRITISH PULLETS FOR EASTERN EUROPE

The United Kingdom Ministry
of Agriculture is considering a
scheme to send 2,000,000 day-old
British pullets to Poland, Czecho-
slovakia and Yugoslavia to restore
war-depleted stocks. U.N.R.R.A.
has asked the British Chick Pro-
ducers' Assn. to supply chicks
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Egyptian treaty of 1936 which,
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tries, can be revised ten years
after ratification. This treaty
terminated Britain's military oc-
cupation of Egypt, though the
special British interest in the de-
fence of the Suez Canal Zone was
recognized. By the treaty, Brit-
ain enjoys certain privileges, and
undertakes certain obligations of
a mainly military nature in Egypt
and the Sudan. Without these
special military privileges in this
critical strategic area, Britain
and the United Nations would
probably have lost the war. For
Egypt was the keystone of British
strategy. If Wavell's Army, of
the Nile, or Montgomery's Eighth
Army had lost the battles of the
desert in Libya and Egypt, the
Axis forces could have crossed the
Suez Canal, seized Palestine and
Iran, and out-flanked Russia in
the South. They might also have
turned westward to Dakar, facing
the lightly defended Brazilian
bulge. If such events had occur-
red, it would have been practi-
cally impossible to stop the Jap-
anese from driving west across
India to join hands with the Ger-
mans across the "land mass." The
geopoliticians' dream would have
come true.

It was to thwart this, and to
carry out her obligations to de-
fend Egypt, that Britain, in June,
1940, sent roughly half of her
armored forces to Egypt. That
was six weeks after Dunkirk, when
Britain, almost stripped of
arms, was threatened with inva-
sion herself.

But the war is over, Egypt is
no longer in danger, and the
United Kingdom government has
agreed not to wait until the treaty
expires, but to discuss now with
the Egyptian government its ter-
mination or possible replacement
with a treaty more suitable to
Egyptian national aspirations.
Unfortunately this undertaking
has not allayed the impatience
of the young Egyptian nationalists
who have resorted to riots and
bloodshed in demonstrating their
demand for the immediate with-
drawal of British forces. Despite
these outbursts the United King-
dom representatives intend to
proceed with their discussions with
the Egyptian government.

It was not until the 19th cen-
tury that Britain became a do-
minating influence in Egypt. Since
the building of the Suez Canal in
the sixties, a kind of British
"Monroe Doctrine" has been held
that no foreign country should
control Egypt, and thus be in a
position to prevent normal access
to the Canal, hamper normal trade
routes to the East, and hinder the
transport of troops and supplies
in time of military need.

Beginning in 1882 Britain en-
joyed a special position in Egypt,
after British troops were sent to
aid in the suppression of an Arab
revolt against the Khedive, who
ruled the country as a part of the
Ottoman Empire. A British Prot-
ectorate was formally
recognized by the countries of
Europe, with the Khedival decree
of January 1, 1905. Britain's re-
lations with the Sudan had been
laid down by a convention in 1899
which, following Kitchener's cam-
paign of 1896-1898, affirmed
Britain's right "to share in the
settlement of the administration
and development of the Sudan." Thus Sudan became an Anglo-
Egyptian Condominium.

With Turkey's entrance into
World War I, her rule over Egypt
came to an end, the Khedive was
deposed, his brother Hussein was
declared Sultan, and Britain as-
sumed the responsibility of de-
fending Egypt. A British Protec-
torate over Egypt was declared on
December 18, 1914, and was diplo-
matically recognized.

After the war ended, negoti-
ations began on the further status
of the country. In February,
1922, temporary agreement was
reached, the Protectorate was
ended, and Egypt was declared
independent. Britain was to con-
tinue to defend Egypt and to pro-
tect foreign interest and minori-
ties in Egypt and the Sudan. The
Sultan became King, a committee
was set up to draft a constitution,
and the first general election was
held in 1924.

During the ensuing years, the
nationalist feeling was strong in
its demand for more complete in-
dependence. Further impetus to
a new agreement came with the
Italian invasion of Abyssinia in
1936, and the growing fear of
war in Europe. The Anglo-Egypt-
ian Treaty of 1936 was therefore
concluded. Britain made conces-
sions in the Sudan, certain legal
privileges enjoyed by foreign
powers in Egypt were abolished,
and restrictions on the size of the
Egyptian Army were removed.
British troops in Egypt in time of
peace were limited to 10,000 men
plus 400 pilots in the R.A.F.; de-
fence of the Suez Canal was re-
served to Britain until Egypt
should be able to undertake the
defence herself; and in time of
war the Egyptian King was to
furnish to Britain an Egyptian
territory "all the facilities and
assistance in his power, including
the use of ports, aerodromes, and
means of communication."

In support of their present de-
mand for revision of the treaty,
the Egyptians point out that from
1939 to 1945 their own troops saw
to the protection of the Suez
Canal, mine-sweeping, antisabo-
tage watch, coast-guarding, as
well as playing an important part
in the anti-aircraft defence of
Alexandria, Port Said and other
vulnerable targets. They are thus
calling for the withdrawal of Brit-
ish troops, the substitution of
Egyptian troops in areas vital to
defence, and the end of the Sudan
Condominium. King Farouk open-
ed the Egyptian Parliament in
November, 1945, with a speech
expressing his country's resolu-
tion to end all restrictions to her
independence, at the same time
asserting that both countries are
sincerely determined to co-oper-

St. Paul's W.A. Open Repair Fund

The Women's Association of
St. Paul's United church held its
monthly meeting in the Church
Parlors on Wednesday, March 6.
Mrs. H. T. J. Coleman presided
and 16 members and two visitors
were present.

Mrs. George Nunn was in
charge of the devotional period.
Arrangements were made for
flowers to be placed in the
church during March.

The secretary read a letter
from the secretary of the official
board of the church in regard to
the Manse and repair of the
church roof. After discussion, it
was agreed to start a Manse fund,
the revenue from the travelling
basket to begin it. Other ways
and means were discussed to raise
funds.

Letters of thanks were read
from friends and members who
had received flowers or other
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city of Bristol has dealt with its
housing problem rapidly by erect-
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piece of ground belonging to the
city. At the moment the five
British factories producing these
houses have in hand orders for
54,000 houses and production is
to be increased so that within
a short time it will be possible to
deliver 50 aluminum houses per
day. It is proposed to manufac-
ture permanent houses from alu-
minum later on.

Fur Coats To Cost More Next Winter

When milady goes to buy a new
fur coat for the winter of 1946 it
will cost her more, taking the
recent fur auction sale in Mont-
real as a criterion, said W. M.
Ritchie, chief, fur inspection and
grading service, Dominion Depart-
ment of Agriculture. Most of
the pelts offered sold at higher
prices than at previous sales, with
the exception of silver foxes,
which sold from 3 to 16 per cent
less.

There were 13,400 beaver pelts
offered and they sold at 35 to 40
per cent higher. The average
price per pelt was \$54.55 with a
top price of \$100.50. Ermine
pelts sold at a 65 per cent ad-
vance for a top of \$6.50 each.
Mink was up 30 per cent, the
average price being \$23.40 for
ranch mink and \$37.75 for wild,
with a top price of \$40.50 for the
former and \$71.50 for the latter.
Muskrat, the best of which are
used for Hudson Seal coats, were
up 20 per cent, top price, with
per pelt was \$5 with a low of 30
cents. Marten, of which about
2,200 pelts were offered were not
much in demand as only 51 per
cent were sold. The peak price
was \$220 and a low of \$5. About
1,000 other pelts were offered and
all sold at an average price of
\$41, a 60 per cent advance.

Canadian squirrel sold at an in-
crease of 65 per cent at an aver-
age of 67 cents with a top of
\$1.50. Raccoon was not in heavy
demand, for of the 4,420 pelts at
the sale only 45 per cent found
buyers, and prices were down 30
per cent. The average price was
\$2.77 with a top of \$7. Prices of
silver foxes, of which 42,680 were
offered, averaged \$3.97, with
special averaging \$68.27 and an
average of \$9.04 for low grade.

In the new types of fox pelts,
prices for the platinum averaged
\$110.78, platinum silver, \$106.02,
and pearl platinum, \$75.94. These
prices were a slight advance over
the sale of similar pelts in Janu-
ary, 1945.

Mr. Ritchie said that the pre-
sent demand is for short hair furs
with Britain just now as a par-
ticularly active market. Short
hair furs are used principally for
coats and the supply is not equal
to the demand.

Most of the pelts at the Mont-
real auction were sold to buyers
from the United States, South
America, Britain and other coun-
tries. Between now and June,
other fur sales will be held in
Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Ed-
monton and Vancouver and Mr.
Ritchie says that he expects prices
for quality pelts to be higher than
in 1945.

ate" and develop relations on a
basis of equality.

Despite the violence of the
demonstrations in Cairo, the Brit-
ish government is confident that
the outcome will be a new ar-
rangement that will meet the re-
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of Egyptian national feeling, and
of military security for Britain's
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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wakeham have returned home to Victoria after spending the week-end with Mrs. Wakeham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Collins, Fulford Harbour.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Passmore, of Victoria, accompanied by Mrs. H. Brown, of Moose Jaw, and Bruce Passmore, of Victoria, were visitors to the island on Saturday last when they visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Passmore at Fulford Harbour.

Miss Tillie Akerman, R.N., will return to the Cumberland hospital on Tuesday where she is on the staff, after spending a few days at Fulford Harbour visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Akerman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. McAfee and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McAfee were visitors to Victoria on Saturday last.

Robert Castle returned home to Port Angeles on Monday after spending a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. Frank Reynolds at Beaver Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kaye have returned home from Vancouver where Mr. Kaye has been in the hospital for a few days.

Mrs. C. E. Passmore has returned home to Fulford Harbour after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Genoe, at Deep Bay, and with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lindsey, at Port Alberni.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Beairisto, of Sedgewick, Alta., accompanied by Miss Hanson and Mr. Stabert of Victoria, were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. Haynes, Fulford Inn.

Mrs. H. A. Lindsey has returned to her home at Port Alberni after spending six weeks with her granddaughter, Mrs. C. E. Passmore at Fulford Harbour.

Mr. Mann and Mr. E. F. Booth of Victoria were recent guests at the Fulford Inn.

Miss Audrey Haynes has returned to Victoria where she is attending High school, after spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Haynes, Fulford Inn.

Mrs. J. Hepburn has returned home to Fulford after spending two days in Victoria last week, where she visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Horel and family.

Mrs. Walter LaBarge and her two children returned home to Beaver Point on Thursday from Port Angeles where they have been visiting Mrs. LaBarge's sister, Mrs. Fred Simpson, for a month.

Mrs. A. Davis has returned home to Fulford after spending

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Tpr. T. Sitter and Mrs. Sitter left on Saturday for Vancouver where the former will receive his release from the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. George Patmore arrived from Vancouver to spend some weeks at "Twin Beaches."

Miss Betty Scoones of the staff of the Vancouver General hospital has returned to duty after spending the past week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Scoones.

Capt. A. Fisher paid a brief visit to Vancouver last week returning home on Saturday.

Mrs. E. Callaghan left on Saturday for Vancouver.

MAYNE ISLAND

Corr.: Mrs. Foster

Mrs. Shannon has as her guests her mother and sister of Vancouver, this week, also a friend, Mrs. Pike and her little girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of Vancouver, who have lately arrived from England, were the guests of Mrs. Foster over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Jackson, of Ashcroft, have been visiting Mrs. Jackson's sister, Mrs. Waugh.

PENDER ISLAND

Corr.: Mrs. W. Falconer

Mrs. M. Walker is spending a few days in Vancouver.

Wren Jean Davidson, R.C.N., has arrived home after two years overseas.

Mrs. Rogers and small daughter are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. Davidson.

Bob Amies, R.C.N., spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. Geo. Logan.

Mrs. J. McCawley has left for her home in Alberni after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stiggins.

Jim and Dave Falconer spent a day in Vancouver last week.

Miss M. L. Corbett has returned to Vancouver after a week-end spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Corbett.

Mrs. F. C. Smith and son have left for a visit to Vancouver for a few days.

Jack Ruck has returned home after a week in Vancouver.

two days in Victoria where she was the guest of Mrs. W. P. Watson.

GANGES SALT SPRING ISLAND

Corr.: Miss M. T. Holford
Phone 12F

Mrs. J. Mitchell and Miss June Mitchell returned to Ganges Harbour on Friday after a visit to Victoria.

Mrs. M. Fitzpatrick of Victoria is spending two weeks at Ganges, a guest at Harbour House.

J. Jones, Vancouver, was a guest last week of Mrs. Fred Crofton and Mr. P. D. Crofton.

Miss Jacqueline Pearce returned on Saturday from Vancouver where she has been the guest for a few days of Miss L. Rolston.

Mrs. Frank Hall has returned to Victoria after a few days visit to her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wagg.

Mrs. F. Sharpe and Mrs. S. Bannister left Salt Spring on Tuesday to attend the Provincial W.A. conference in the Memorial Hall, Victoria.

William Currie, who has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. J. Bond, North Salt Spring, has taken up residence at his own house at Ganges, which has been recently occupied by Mrs. Biggs and daughter.

Mrs. C. J. Zenkie arrived from Vancouver last week to rejoin her husband at their home, Rainbow Road, Ganges.

Mrs. K. McLaughlin and young son have returned to Victoria after a week's visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dewhurst.

There was a good attendance at the Women's World Day of Prayer held last Friday at the United church. The leaders were Mrs. J. Dewar and Mrs. G. H. Holmes; the helpers, Mrs. E. Adams, Mrs. S. Bannister, Mrs. W. M. Mout, Mrs. J. D. Reid, Mrs. H. A. Robinson and Miss Helen Dean. A short address was given by Mrs. Holmes on the origin of the day of prayer, and solos were rendered by Mrs. F. Baker and Mrs. T. F. Beresford.

Mrs. Bishop Wilson, Salt Spring Island, left on Monday for Victoria, where she will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fenwick, for a few days.

Graham Shove, left on Monday for Victoria where he will be a patient in hospital for ten days.

After six weeks at her home Barnsbury, Miss Brydie Wilson returned this week to Victoria, where she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morris.

Eric Springford left on Saturday to spend a few days with friends in Vancouver.

After two weeks in Vancouver visiting her daughter, Mrs. Leslie Walker, Mrs. W. Somerville returned to Ganges last Thursday.

St. George's Altar Guild Hold Tea

Salt Spring Island. — St. George's Altar Guild held a successful tea recently at Ganges Inn and, under the general co-operation of Mrs. W. Norton and Mrs. F. Baker assisted by members and friends of the organization, realized over \$30 for the funds of the church.

About 40 persons attended, bringing with them a variety of articles, including home cooking, flowers, etc. which were sold among those present.

Tea was served at small tables and the floral decorations, in charge of Mrs. V. C. Best and Mrs. Mervyn Gardner, were effectively carried out with snowdrops and laurestinus.

Attractive posters had been made by Mrs. C. H. Trafford.

Homesites Popular On Salt Spring Island

Capt. T. A. Milner, formerly of Galiano, has purchased the vicarage property comprising the house and 90 acres on Salt Spring Island, from the Synod of the Anglican church. Capt. and Mrs. Milner are now in residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles M. Achison, of Salt Spring Island, have purchased approximately 35 acres on St. Marys Lake from J. H. Kingdom.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hayden, of North Vancouver, have purchased the house and property at North Salt Spring, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield Bowden.

O. Leigh Spencer has purchased a property on McPhillips Ave., Ganges, from Mrs. E. Wilson, of Vancouver.

F. M. Mallonee, Galiano, has purchased approximately 80 acres from the Farness Bros., South Salt Spring Island.

The Collins Brothers, Ganges, have purchased lot 24 in the Southey Point subdivision, North Salt Spring Island.

George Howard, who has been renting Cyril Beech's house at Ganges has purchased the 80 acre farm in the Cranberry Marsh, belonging to A. H. Rogers, and will take up residence there with his family next week.

Mrs. Alice M. Williams has purchased the property on Galiano Island belonging to Ralph A. Ingram.

C. H. Hayward, Vancouver, has purchased the 80-acre property on Saturna Island belonging to George W. Taylor, Ganges.

Passes At Ganges

The death took place on Saturday, March 2, at the Lady Minto Gulf Islands hospital, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, of Mrs. Christy Courtney, late of Vancouver. She leaves to mourn her loss one sister, Mrs. F. Warman; one brother, Angus Robertson, both of Vancouver; her daughter, Mrs. R. T. Brittan, Vesuvius Bay, and three grandchildren.

The funeral took place on Tuesday morning at St. Paul's Roman Catholic church, Fulford Harbour, Father M. Lariviere officiating. The body was laid to rest in the churchyard adjoining the church. Many floral tributes were received. Pallbearers were: H. Carlin, G. St. Denis, R. M. Akerman, P. G. Brenton.

Student Council Stage Dance

The Student's Council of the Salt Spring Island United school at Ganges organized a dance last Friday evening in the Mahon Hall, which was decorated for the occasion with the school colors, blue and white.

The dance was attended by about 60 students, ex-students, teachers and school board.

Charles Lees acted as master of ceremonies and the music was supplied by a two-piece local orchestra.

The prize winners of the two spot waltzes were Beverley Rogers and Bill Greenhaugh and Beverley Rogers and Glen Ilead; those winning the elimination waltz prizes were Beryl Wheeler and David Weatherell, Hazle Henn and Tom Reid.

Supper was served under the supervision of Beverley Rogers, assisted by Gladys Mout and other students.

Catholic Women's League Elect Officers

Salt Spring Island. — The annual meeting of the Catholic Women's League was held, recently, at the home of Mrs. Geo. St. Denis, St. Marys Lake, with Father M. Lariviere in the chair. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Mrs. George St. Denis; vice-president, Mrs. W. Jameski; secretary, Mrs. M. Gyves; treasurer, Mrs. D. Fyvie.

Tea was served by Mrs. St. Denis, assisted by Mrs. Jameski.

W.A. TO UNITED CHURCH HEAR TALK ON JERUSALEM

The Women's Auxiliary to the Ganges United church met recently at Ganges Inn, with Mrs. J. D. Reid presiding.

The meeting opened with the reading by the president of an article on Jerusalem.

Final arrangements were made for the St. Patrick's Day Tea at Ganges Inn. A new member, Mrs. W. E. Taylor, was welcomed to the organization.

Tea hostesses, Mrs. W. M. Mout and Mrs. C. Stuart.

Native Daughter Laid To Rest At Fulford

The death occurred at St. Josephs hospital, Victoria, on March 3, of Mrs. Mary Jane McCoy in her 55th year. Mrs. McCoy was born on Salt Spring Island, and resided in Victoria for many years; she was latterly a resident of Russell Island. She is survived by her husband, Arthur C. H. McCoy; two daughters, Mrs. Stanley Bell and Mrs. John Gardiner; one son, William Henry Robert, of Victoria; her father, George Fisher, Russell Island, B.C.; also three brothers and one sister.

The funeral service, which was largely attended, was held on Thursday morning at St. Paul's Roman Catholic church, Fulford Harbour, Father M. Lariviere officiating. The remains were laid to rest in the church burial ground. A profusion of floral tributes were received.

Pallbearers were: Messrs. Leon King, W. Lumley, Kenneth Tahouney, Douglas Lassiter, Walter Lassiter and A. Roland.

W.A. PLAN FOR MARCH AND APRIL

The Salt Spring branch of the Women's Auxiliary met recently in the Parish Room, Ganges, with the president, Mrs. G. H. Holmes, in the chair. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$86.19.

It was arranged to hold a material shower and tea at the end of the month at Ganges Inn, with Mrs. W. Norton as convener and Mrs. F. Baker in charge of tea.

Plans were made for an Easter sale in April when a miscellaneous stall will be in the charge of Mrs. E. Adams and Mrs. H. A. Robinson; home cooking, Mrs. F. Stacey and Mrs. H. C. Carter and needlework, Mrs. W. Norton. Tea will be convoked by Mrs. F. Baker, assisted by Mrs. J. Bigman, Mrs. S. Bannister, Mrs. Harold Day, Mrs. F. Sharpe. Mrs. Day was elected advertising convener.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Stacey for lending her home for the recent W.A. tea.

Mrs. H. Noon became a mem-

Athletic Club Shows Sound Bank Balance

An executive meeting of the Salt Spring Island Athletic Club was held recently at the White Elephant Cafe, Ganges, with the president, Gordon Parsons, in the chair.

The financial statement showed a balance of \$428.17. It was stated that a first aid kit had been purchased by the club at the cost of \$10.

Both social and sports conveners gave their respective reports, the former on the recent dance, the latter on football games played each Sunday afternoon on the school ground, and boxing which, under the instruction of Tim Gurney, is being carried on in the Mahon Hall.

Arrangements are being made for two basketball games with visiting teams on March 22, in the Fulford Community Hall, to be followed by a dance.

ber of the organization.

Mrs. Bannister and Mrs. Adams were tea hostesses.

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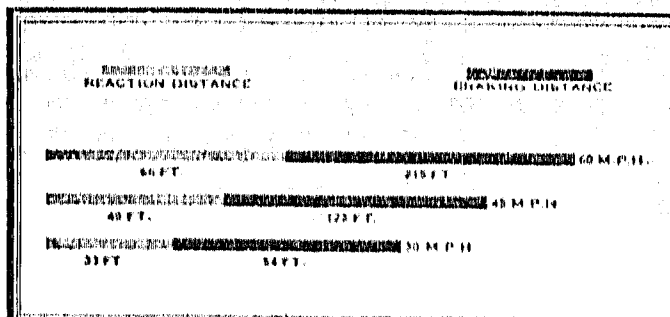
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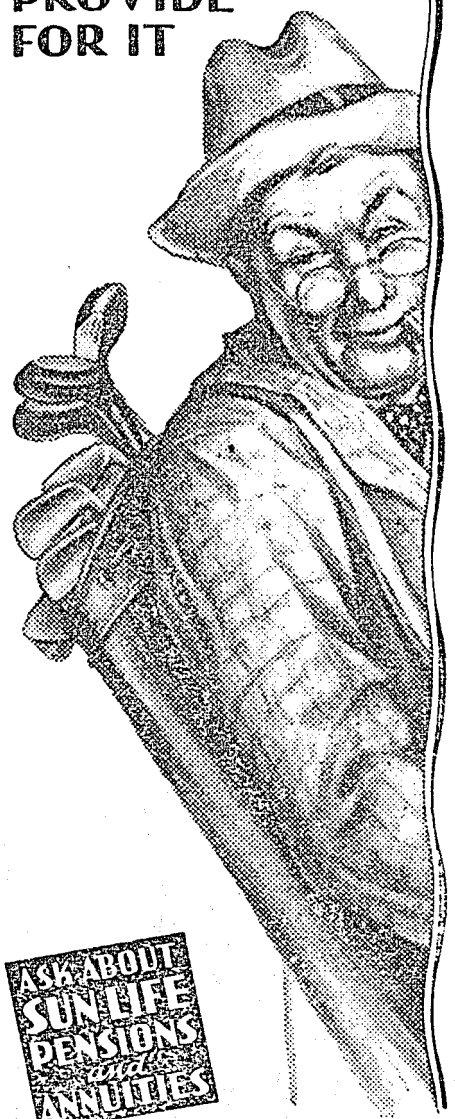
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New Church Planned For Rest Haven

Plans for the new Rest Haven church are nearing completion, money for the project is coming in gradually, according to Rest Haven authorities. The local conference provided a donation of \$2,000 in their 1946 budget. The chapel at present used for worship is taxed to capacity each week.

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Gulf Island Musings

together and the tolerance, and respect for the rights and feelings of others through that other educational institution, the bloody nose, is not equally important. There are the supreme courts of public opinion in which the future is being moulded more surely than in any parliament. All great movements start as a minority of one. Each must go before the court of public opinion. These courts stand on street corners, sit in discussions over something in the paper, magazine or book; they are in the social club, the meetings of scientists, in churches, homes and halls, and when an idea is found worthy by public opinion and it is within the province of parliament and requires a law it is presented to parliament. It is in this way that most of the reforms that have made the texture of progress have become a reality, from Magna Carta to Albee and MacKenzie King.

Politically the history of human progress is largely a record of a struggle by kings and then parliaments seeking to add to their power, and the people seeking to add to their liberties. This is the meaning of Habeas Corpus, one of many great reforms, as many and as great as in any other similar period in British history passed during the reign of Charles the Second, in spite of the fact that he was the worst king to sit on a British throne. Another of these was the liberty of the press, but it is recorded that this did not include the right to print the proceedings of parliament. Democracy fought against parliament for nearly 30 years to get that into law. Labor organization of any kind was a conspiracy for many years. The struggle of the people against parliament finally won, and is still winning.

MORE IMPORTANT THAN PARLIAMENT

An instrumentality that was deliberately missed when I dealt with the other methods through which democracy operates, I will now deal with by calling one of the world's greatest experts on democracy, one of history's grandest statesmen:

Q. Your name? A. Thomas Jefferson.

Q. Occupation? A. I am president of the United States.

Q. You have written much on Democracy beside the Declaration of Independence, Mr. Jefferson? A. I have.

Q. Do you think that the office which you now hold, the presidency, is the greatest instrumentality of Democracy? A. I do not.

Q. Do you think that the entire government, the presidency, the Congress and the judiciary are the greatest instrumentality of Democracy? A. I do not. "If I had to live in a country without government or a country without newspapers I would choose to live in a country without government."

The reason for Jefferson's statement put briefly is that without the restraints of an informed public opinion any kind of a government would within a short time, due to that insatiable longing for power which is the nature of power itself, become a dictatorship, while an informed public opinion, would quickly form government to represent it.

Now let me give on this same subject of the representatives of democracy a passage from what I think is the greatest historian who ever wrote in the English language, Buckle. It has been in a note book for many years:

THE MOTIVE POWER OF DEMOCRACY

"The history of every civilized country is the history of its intellectual development, which kings, statesmen and legislators are more likely to retard than to hasten: because, however great their power may be, they are at best the accidental and insufficient representatives of the spirit of the times, and because so far from being able to regulate the movement of the national mind, they, themselves, form the smallest part of it; and in a general view of the progress of man, are to be regarded as puppets who strut and fret their hour upon a little stage, while beyond them, and around them are forming opinions and principles which they can scarcely perceive, but by which the whole course of human affairs is ultimately governed."

DO YOU WANT TO DIE TO GET IT?

Understanding the meaning of democracy, representative government and the forces which operate for the improvement of both it is easy to understand the futility of those who demand a perfect government.

To have a perfect representative government we would have to have a perfect democracy. My answer to such people is "Are you willing to die to get it. Killing off all the people in Canada is too much to pay for a perfect government."

Still there is room for improvement before government reaches the standard of intelligence, that the democracy of Canada has achieved. But they would not have to go nearly so far to equal the amount of intelligence that we put into choosing our representatives.

"THEY DO NOT REPRESENT US"

I am afraid they represent us more than we care to admit. I have noticed that when we go to sleep, they go to sleep too. When we wake up, they wake up. I am not worried about those who go to sleep as our representatives. What worries me is those who stay awake, with no one to watch them.

"THERE ARE CROOKS IN PARLIAMENT"

I notice recently M.P.'s give one another government contracts. In the political vernacular this is: "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours." And it is based on the fact that they are both lousy.

In this context I will never forget something that Alexander Graham Bell said one evening after dinner, when we had gone to the library to talk until his regular time for going to bed, four in the morning.

For an hour a house guest, fresh from the university and filled with righteous indignation had been telling us of the evils of Tammany.

Bell had the same smile on his face, he had when he put plaster of paris in the hot cake flour to be used by one of us, who prided himself on his cooking overmuch, while on a camping trip, as he

said: "Young man, the trouble with you is you do not believe in representative government; what you are trying to do is disfranchise all the crooks in the State of New York." Even the crooks are representative government.

NOT ENOUGH FARMERS IN PARLIAMENT

This is another common objection. I agree. I believe that the electors should consider the advisability of sending to parliament a cross section of Canadian life on the basis of how they make their living. Then we would have legislation based on knowledge by members of parliament of the needs of all groups. Under present circumstances farmers are too important where they are to send to parliament, as if the lawyers who are doing most of work over the farming, Europe would starve and so would we. There is also the consideration that they would want to raise their stipend to \$8,000 a year.

LET'S WRITE HIM

A thing entirely new in my experience has happened in this riding. Our M.P. some time ago wrote each of us a form letter, asking us for instructions. Each one of should write. I have been putting it off for weeks. It is our duty as members of a democracy. And in my letter of appreciation, I am going to give him a message for the prime minister telling him, that I am sick, tired and disgusted listening to men who have inflated their own wages from one dollar a year to \$3,001, \$4,001, \$5,001, \$6,001, or \$7,001 talking against inflation.

I imagine party-minded people have decided that I am not a C.C.F. and from the last paragraph they have decided I am a Conservative. I am not a Conservative, and I do not belong to the Communist party. I am not a Social Creditor, and if any reader can think of any other party, I do not belong to that either. I think that party politics have been a curse to Canada, and the more we get of parties the more cursed they are.

DRY FOOT GRINDSTONE

A grindstone should not run in a trough that contains water. The constant soaking will cause rapid wear. Water should be run on the stone from a spout leading from a container which is mounted at one end of the grindstone

DINNER OF WOOD PROVES TASTY AND NUTRITIOUS

During the war an interesting experiment was carried out in Switzerland that could be duplicated in British Columbia if ever the need arises.

Swiss research workers invited the country's politicians and dieticians to a dinner at Lausanne. As the guests had been forewarned that the course would consist of wood they were not particularly looking forward to the meal. They were, however, agreeably surprised to find themselves mistaken, for it was hard to tell the difference between the chemical and the natural food.

The first dish, hors d'oeuvres, was prepared from wood and flavored with coal products. Next came meat made from wood pulp, served with synthetic gravy. The sweet contained vanilla made from coal, served with cream which came from wood. The cost of the meal was less than if the equivalent in natural food had been served, and from the point of view of nutrition there was little to choose.

Moral of this little story is, don't chop down that tree in your front yard. It might be your Sunday dinner a few years from now.

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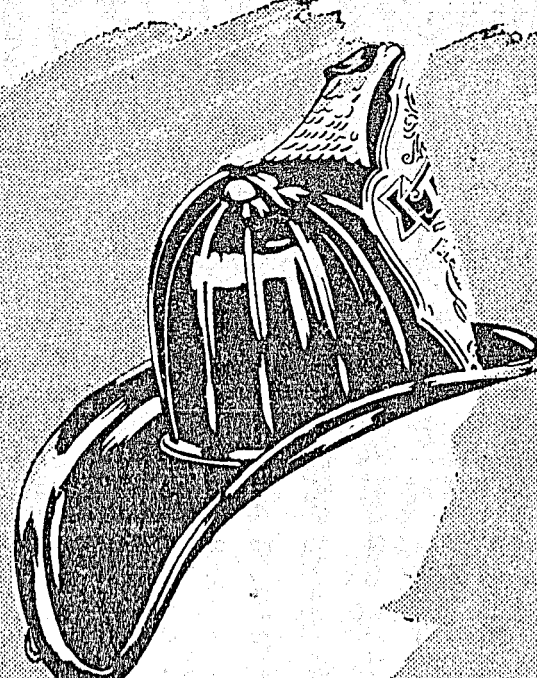
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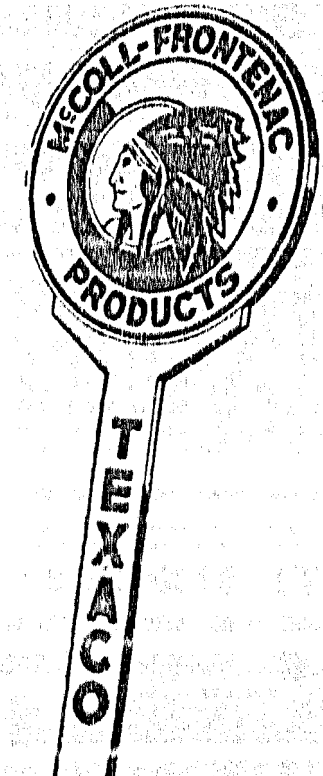
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